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Dhanush Cannons
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently inducted three indigenously produced Dhanush Cannons in the Army / Military service;

(b) if so, the details and the special features thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target to manufacture Dhanush Cannons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)
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(a) & (b): Three nos. 155 mm x 45 Calibre Artillery gun 'Dhanush' have been handed over to Indian Army in June 2016, for undertaking user exploitation.

Special features of Dhanush guns are:

(i) 8 km more range than BOFORS Gun.
(ii) Modified Double Baffle Muzzle Brake.
(iii) Modified Loading Trough to accommodate Bi Modular Charge System (BMCS).

(iv) Electronic Suite to include an Enhanced Tactical Computer (ETC), Intertial Navigation System (INS), Muzzle Velocity Radar (MVR) and Automatic Gun Sighting System (AFSS) for enhanced accuracy and auto laying of the gun.

(c) & (d): An indent of quantity 114 guns has already been placed on Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).

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